

Request for Expedited Procedure

Under 37 CFR § 1.116

Group Art Unit: 2644

Docket No.: K3281.0005/P005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 09/228,894

Group Art Unit: 2644 Technology Center 2600

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Examiner: C. Tran

For: VOICE SWITCHING SYSTEM CAPABLE OF IMPROVING A QUALITY OF

CONVERSATION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 1-10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid | | r | Number Extra Claims Present | Rate | · Additional Fee |
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^{*}not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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No additional fee is required.

In the event a fee is required or if any additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

There are no amendments to the specification.

In the Claims:

A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case (in ascending order with status identifier) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 is presented in a separate section.